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OPPOSING THE DESIGNATION OF UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE
ROADLESS AND WILDERNESS WATERS AS OUTSTANDING NATIONAL RESOURCE
WATERS IN NEW MEXICO.

WHEREAS, a petition is being prepared to secure
outstanding national resource waters designations for all
surface waters within national forest wilderness and
inventoried roadless areas in New Mexico under the federal
Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, these designations will cover more than five
thousand three hundred miles of streams and rivers in New
Mexico and comprise a much larger area than any former
outstanding national resource waters designation in New Mexico;
and

WHEREAS, several thousand river miles proposed to be

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1 designated are not perennial streams, and little scientific
2 data on these streams' water quality is available; and

3 WHEREAS, it is required by New Mexico's Water Quality Act
4 that credible scientific data be used for creating water
5 quality standards that include designations of outstanding
6 national resource waters;

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
8 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that Governor Richardson be requested to
9 cancel or suspend the outstanding national resource waters
10 designation process; and

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, instead, the governor's
12 administration engage the residents of the state in evaluating,
13 planning and implementing cooperative approaches to improve the
14 state's watersheds, forests and grazing lands and thereby the
15 utility of these areas for recreational and agricultural uses
16 and for the protection of domestic and municipal water sources;
17 and

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
19 transmitted to the secretary of energy, minerals and natural
20 resources, the director of the department of game and fish, the
21 secretary of environment and the governor.

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